SL Internal Assessment Criteria

**Criterion A** Introduction 2 marks

**Criterion B** Method: design 2 marks

**Criterion C** Method: participants 2 marks

**Criterion D** Method: procedure 2 marks

**Criterion E** Results 4 marks

**Criterion F** Discussion 6 marks

**Criterion G** Presentation 2 marks

**Total 20 marks**

A Introduction

**0** There is no introduction or it is irrelevant.

**1** The aim of the student’s study is imprecise, or the study being replicated is identified

but not explained.

**2** The aim of the student’s study is clearly stated and the study being replicated is

clearly identified and explained.

B Method: Design

**0** The independent and dependent variables are not identified or they are irrelevant.

The psychology course ethical guidelines are not followed.

**1** The independent and dependent variables are accurately identified. The design is

appropriate but unjustified. There is evidence that the psychology course ethical

guidelines are followed.

**2** The independent and dependent variables are accurately identified. The design is

appropriate and justified. There is evidence that the psychology course ethical

guidelines are followed.

C Method: Participants

**0** No relevant characteristics of the target population are identified and no relevant

sampling technique is identified or justified.

**1** Some characteristics of the target population are identified but not all are relevant.

The sample is selected using an appropriate method but the method is not justified.

**2** The characteristics of the target population are identified. The sample is selected

using an appropriate method and the method is justified.

D Method: Procedure

**0** No relevant procedure is presented.

**1** The procedure is relevant but it is not clearly described and is not easily replicable.

**2** The procedure is relevant, clearly described and is easily replicable.

E Results

**0** There are no results, or they are irrelevant to the aims.

**1–2** Results are stated and accurate. Graphs are not sufficiently accurate or clear.

**3–4** Results are clearly stated and accurate. Graphs are accurate and clear.

F Discussion

**0** There is no discussion or it is irrelevant.

**1–2** The discussion of the results, in light of the study being replicated, is very superficial.

The strengths and limitations are not always accurately identified. There is no

conclusion drawn and no modifications are suggested.

**3–5** The discussion of the results, in light of the study being replicated, is not fully

developed. Not all the strengths and limitations have been accurately identified. The

conclusion is appropriate and some modifications are suggested.

**6** The discussion of results, in light of the study being replicated, is fully developed.

The strengths and limitations of the study are clearly identified. The conclusion is

appropriate and well balanced and modifications and/or improvements are suggested

for further research.

G Presentation

**0** The report is not within the word limit of 1,000–1,500 words and/or no references are

provided.

**1** The report is within the word limit of 1,000–1,500 words. However, the report is not

in the required format or the references are incomplete, or one standard method of

listing references is not used consistently.

**2** The report is in the correct format and within the word limit of 1,000–1,500 words.